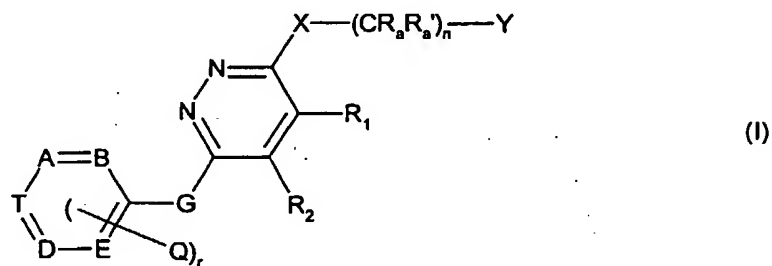




Abstract

The invention relates to the treatment of an inflammatory disease, especially an inflammatory rheumatoid or rheumatic disease, and/or pain with an inhibitor of the activity of VEGF receptor tyrosine kinase of the formula I,



the substituents being defined in the specification;

as well as to new phthalazine derivatives; processes for the preparation thereof; the application thereof in a process for the treatment of the human or animal body; the use thereof for the treatment of a disease, especially a disease caused by ocular neovascularization, such as age-related macula degeneration or diabetic retinopathy, or other diseases that respond to the inhibition of tyrosine kinases, such as a proliferative disease; a method for the treatment of such disease in mammals; and the use of such a compound for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment especially of a disease as mentioned above.